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Zaire	20 Sep. 1960
Zambia	1 Dec. 1964
Zimbabwe	25 Aug. 1980

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* Tanganyika was a Member of the United Nations from 14 December 1961 and Zanzibar was a Member from 16 December 1963. Following the ratification on 26 April 1964 of Articles of Union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar, the United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar continued as a single Member, changing its name to the United Republic of Tanzania on 1 November 1964.

** Yemen was admitted to membership in the United Nations on 30 September 1947 and Democratic Yemen on 14 December 1967. On 22 May 1990, the two countries merged and have since been represented as one Member with the name "Yemen".

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is composed of all 166 United Nations Member States. The States, and the dates on which they became Members, are listed in Press Release ORG/1136, issued 7 January.

SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council has 15 members. The Charter designates five States as permanent members, and the General Assembly elects 10 other members for two-year terms. The term of office for each non-permanent member of the Council ends on 31 December of the year indicated in parentheses below.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are: China, France, Russian Federation*, United Kingdom and United States.

The 10 non-permanent members of the Council in 1992 are: Austria (1992), Belgium (1992), Cape Verde (1993), Ecuador (1992), Hungary (1993), India (1992), Japan (1993), Morocco (1993), Venezuela (1993) and Zimbabwe (1992).

* The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an original Member of the United Nations from 24 October 1945. In a letter dated 24 December 1991, Boris Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation, informed Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar that the membership of the Soviet Union in the Security Council and all other United Nations organs was being continued by the Russian Federation with the support of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. According to President Yeltsin, the Russian Federation remains responsible in full for all the rights and obligations of the former Soviet Union under the United Nations Charter.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council has 54 members, elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly. The term of office for each member expires on 31 December of the year indicated in parentheses below. In 1992, the Council is composed of the following 54 States:

Algeria (1992)
Angola (1994)
Argentina (1993)
Australia (1994)
Austria (1993)
Bahrain (1992)
Bangladesh (1994)
Belarus** (1994)
Belgium (1994)
Benin (1994)
Botswana (1993)
Brazil (1994)
Bulgaria (1992)
Burkina Faso (1992)
Canada (1992)
Chile (1993)
China (1992)
Colombia (1994)
Ecuador (1992)
Ethiopia (1994)
Finland (1992)
France (1993)
Germany (1993)
Guinea (1993)
India (1994)
Iran (1992)
Italy (1994)
Jamaica (1992)
Japan (1993)
Kuwait (1994)
Madagascar (1994)
Malaysia (1993)
Mexico (1992)
Morocco (1993)
Pakistan (1992)
Peru (1993)
Philippines (1994)
Poland (1994)
Romania (1992)
Russian Federation* (1992)
Rwanda (1992)
Somalia (1993)
Spain (1993)
Suriname (1994)
Swaziland (1994)
Sweden (1992)
Syria (1993)
Togo (1993)
Trinidad and Tobago (1993)
Turkey (1993)
United Kingdom (1992)
United States (1994)
Yugoslavia (1993)
Zaire (1992)

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The Trusteeship Council has five members. One member, the United States, administers Palau, one of the remaining four entities which constituted the original Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the only Territory that still remained under the Trusteeship System. On 22 December 1990, the Security Council terminated the Trusteeship Agreement for three of the entities: the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands (now United Nations Member States), which had drawn up Compacts of Free Association with the United States; and the Northern Mariana Islands, which had agreed to a Commonwealth Covenant with the Administering Authority. Palau, however, has not yet determined the nature of its future status with the Administering Authority and therefore remains under the Trusteeship Agreement.

The non-administering members of the Trusteeship Council are the other four permanent members of the Security Council (China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom).

** On 19 September 1991, Byelorussia informed the United Nations that it had changed its name to Belarus.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The International Court of Justice has 15 members, elected by both the General Assembly and the Security Council. Judges hold nine-year terms, which end on 5 February of the year indicated in parentheses below.

As of 6 February 1992, the composition of the 15-member Court will be as follows: Roberto Ago, of Italy (1997); Andres Aguilar Mawdsley, of Venezuela (2000); Mohammed Bedjaoui, of Algeria (2000); Bola Ajibola, of Nigeria (1994); Jens Evensen, of Norway (1997); Gilbert Guillaume, of France (2000); Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings, of the United Kingdom (2000); Manfred Lachs, of Poland (1994); Ni Zhengyu, of China (1994); Shigeru Oda, of Japan (1994); Raymond Ranjeva, of Madagascar (2000); Stephen M. Schwebel, of the United States (1997); Mohammed Shahabuddeen, of Guyana (1997); Nikolai K. Tarassov, of the Russian Federation* (1997); and Christopher G. Weeramantry, of Sri Lanka (2000).

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